

are reported, and the utterances of acquiescence in them by European statesmen, is that they are still absolutely in the stage of rhetoric precisely like the Fourteen Points. Some of the Fourteen Points will probably have to be construed as having a mischievous significance, a smaller number might be construed as being harmless, and one or two even as beneficial, but nobody knows what Mr. "Wilson really means by them and so all talk of adopting them as basis for a peace or a League is nonsense, and if the talker is intelligent it is insincere nonsense to boot. So Mr. Wilson's recent utterances give us absolutely no clue as to whether he really intends that at this moment we shall admit Germany, Eussia, with which incidentally we are still waging war, Turkey, China and Mexico into the League on a full equality with ourselves. Mr. Taft has recently defined the purposes of the League and the limitations under which it would act in a way that enables most of us to say we very heartily agree in principle with his theory and can without doubt come to an agreement under specific details. But President Wilson, seemingly in a spirit of jealousy, has condemned Mr. Taft's proposal, without advancing anything specific himself.

" Would it not be well to begin with the League which we actually have in existence, the League of the allies who have fought through this great war? Let us at the peace table see that real justice is done as among these allies and that while the sternest reparation is demanded from our foes

for such horrors as those committed in  
Belgium, Northern  
France, Armenia and the sinking of the  
*Lusitania*, yet  
should anything be done in the spirit of mere  
vengeance?

Then let us agree to extend the privileges of  
the League as  
rapidly as their conduct warrants it to other  
nations, doubt-  
less discriminating between those who would  
have a guiding  
part of the League and the weak nations who  
would be en-  
titled to the privileges of membership but who  
would not be  
entitled to a guiding voice in the councils. Let  
each nation  
reserve to itself and for its own decision to  
clearly set forth  
questions which are non-justiciable. Let  
nothing be done